

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Western Great Basin and Southern California Areas, and light elsewhere with 296 fires reported nationally. Eight new large fires were reported, three in the Alaska Area, two in the Western Great Basin Area, and one each in Southwest, Eastern Great Basin, Southern California Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. Rough and rugged terrain and drought conditions are major concerns. A primarily backing fire resulted in moderate behavior.

NUTTALL, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber. Steep rugged terrain, difficult access and extremely dry fuels are major concerns. Significant increase in fire behavior occurred as the weather became hotter and drier. Upslope runs, spotting and torching were observed.

UPSHAW, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 15 miles east of San Carlos, AZ in chaparral, cactus, pinyon pine and juniper. Fire behavior varied as intermittent thunderstorms passed over the fire area causing rapid rates of spread and spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	32,000	5	UNK	893	24	29	6	0	1.5M
NUTTALL	AZ	CNF	800	5	UNK	517	15	12	8	0	1.2M
UPSHAW	AZ	SCA	1,600	25	7/2	218	7	6	2	0	250K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Structure protection has become a priority and evacuations have occurred. The Steese Highway is closed until further notice. The fire could not be monitored due to extremely poor visibility.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. Hot, dry and windy weather conditions are major concerns. Very active fire behavior was reported on the Pingo and Winter Trail fires. Sucker River, Vundik Lake, Black Currant Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires will be monitored by air.

TAYLOR COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly and the previously reported Chicken and Porcupine fires, are 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Short uphill runs and isolated torching on the southern flanks was reported. On the northern flanks, extreme fire behavior was observed where topographic features aligned with prevailing wind.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This incident is three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Steep terrain, high winds and extreme smoke conditions are major concerns. Active fire behavior with torching and runs were observed.

FORT HAMLIN HILL, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of Stevens Village, AK in grass black spruce, aspen and birch. Extreme fire behavior on the north flank was observed. Evacuations of the local residents have occurred.

AMERICAN SUMMIT, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 17 miles southwest of Eagle, AK in black spruce. No new information was reported.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Intense fire behavior with a six mile run was reported.

WOLF CREEK, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 80 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. The remote location, steep terrain, high winds and poor visibility are major concerns. The fire could not be monitored due to poor visibility.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	75,000	0	UNK	161	7	7	2	1	610K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	287,627	NR	UNK	342	13	0	6	0	3.2M
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	278,994	NR	UNK	132	2	12	2	3	647K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	166,966	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	40,744	0	UNK	42	2	0	0	0	NR
AMERICAN SUMMIT	AK	UYD	15,000	20	UNK	12	0	0	0	0	NR
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	35,000	0	8/1	55	4	1	2	0	122K
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	33,394	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Chelan, WA in timber. Extremely limited access, no anchor points, limited safety zones and escape routes are major concerns. On the south flank, intense fire activity occurred, while other portions of the fire reported moderate fire behavior with uphill runs and torching.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior due to increased humidity and cloud cover was reported.

HOPKINS CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is eight miles west of Nespelem, WA in timber and grass. Active fire behavior was observed and lightning activity in the area has resulted in new starts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	1,900	0	UNK	294	9	0	8	0	976K
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	15	UNK	39	0	1	3	0	50K
HOPKINS CANYON	WA	COA	4,300	50	7/4	417	14	6	2	0	150K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SQUARE COMPLEX, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northwest of St. George, UT in grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Minimal fire activity was observed. Crews are continuing to construct fireline and improve established fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SQUARE COMPLEX	UT	CCD	18,235	90	7/1	363	9	10	4	0	1.1M
LOW MOUNTAIN	AZ	ASD	1,700	100	---	94	3	5	3	0	NR

ASD = Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COYOTE SPRINGS, Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. This fire is being managed in a confine/contain strategy with aerial monitoring.

VERDI COMPLEX, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This incident is less than one quarter mile northeast of Verdi, NV in grass, brush and timber. Steep and inaccessible terrain are major concerns. Twenty foot flame lengths during upslope runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COYOTE SPRINGS	NV	DSR	1,000	5	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
VERDI COMPLEX	NV	HTF	400	20	7/1	157	2	27	3	0	50K
COLE COMPLEX	NV	HTF	2,833	100	---	268	7	10	4	0	1.6M

HTF = Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHULAR, San Benito-Monterey Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is ten miles southeast of Salinas, CA in chaparral. Rough terrain and difficult access are a concern. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHULAR	CA	BEU	500	0	7/1	245	8	17	3	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

EAST, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 18 miles west of Tamarac, FL in tall grass. No new information was reported.

WEST, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 21 miles west of Tamarac, FL in tall grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST	FL	FLS	3,800	90	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR
WEST	FL	FLS	3,500	70	6/30	3	0	1	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For strong northeast to east winds in portions of northern, central, and eastern interior Alaska.

Weather Discussion: As weakening low pressure moves inland onto the West Coast, moisture out ahead of the low will begin to decrease today. As a result, less thunderstorm activity is expected over the western states. Despite this, thunderstorms will still occur from the northern Great Basin northeastward into the Northern Rockies. Conditions will remain quite dry over Arizona, southern California and Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny in much of Arizona and New Mexico; partly cloudy high mountain areas and far east. Widely scattered wet thunderstorms far northeastern New Mexico and into west Texas.</p>	<p>60s and 70s mountains, 80s to mid 90s lower elevations, 95 to 105 southern and western Arizona deserts.</p>	<p>5 to 15% most of Arizona and New Mexico. 15 to 25% high mountain areas of eastern Arizona, far western New Mexico and northeastern New Mexico. 25 to 40% far eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>	<p>West to southwest 5 to 15 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico with gusts to 20 to 25 mph in parts of Arizona. West at 5 to 15 mph rest of New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph across parts of west Texas.</p>
<p>ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior Partly cloudy and smoky with isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the Alaska Range. South Central Mostly cloudy with showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms.</p>	<p>Central and Eastern Interior 75 to 90. South Central 65 to 80.</p>	<p>Central and Eastern Interior 20 to 30%. South Central Above 50% except 35 to 50% in the Copper River Basin.</p>	<p>Central and Eastern Interior Northeast to east 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. South Central Variable 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms mainly over mountains and east.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 68 to 80 mountains. 80 to 92 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 105 valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 33% mountains. 18 to 25% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 12 to 31% mountains. 8 to 22% valley.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: North to northwest at 5 to 10 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: South to southwest at 5 to 15 mph; gusty around storms.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy skies with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms across the north and west. Mostly sunny with breezy afternoon winds across the east and south.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 82 to 92. South Valleys: 92 to 102. Mountains: 70s.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 12 to 22%. South Valleys: 6 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 30%.</p>	<p>South: South at 10 to 20 mph. North: Southeast to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Fair to partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the Cascade/Sierras eastward; isolated thunderstorms over high terrain elsewhere. Cells will produce at least light precipitation.</p>	<p>Warmest inland valleys will be in the mid 90s.</p>	<p>18 to 30% in warmer valleys.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 4 to 10 mph with higher afternoon gusts.</p>

<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra with scattered thunderstorms.</p>	<p>65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 80s valleys. 85 to 91 upper deserts. 97 to 104 lower deserts.</p>	<p>25 to 40% valleys. 12 to 25% mountains. 8 to 18% deserts.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph and gusty over the upper deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Isolated dry lightning over northwest Colorado into southwest Wyoming.</p>	<p>Highs in the 80s with upper 60s and 70s in the mountains.</p>	<p>15 to 25% over western Colorado into southwest Wyoming, 25 to 40% elsewhere.</p>	<p>10 to 20 mph across central South Dakota and Nebraska, otherwise variable at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>NORTHWEST AREA Few morning clouds on the west side. Scattered wet afternoon thundershowers east of the Cascade crest in Oregon and in northeast Washington.</p>	<p>70s to lower 80s west, mid 70s to mid 80s east, 90s in the Columbia Basin.</p>	<p>30 to 50% west of the Cascades except near 60% coast. 15 to 25% east side except near 30% over the higher terrain.</p>	<p>West to northwest winds 10 to 15 mph over the Cascade crest and west side. East side winds generally southwest to west 5 to 10 mph except 10 to 20 mph through the Columbia River Gorge.</p>



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FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	2	0	1		3
	ACRES		5,640	20,257	807	112,342		139,046
Northwest	FIRES	1	24			9	22	56
	ACRES	0	3			3	6	12
Northern California	FIRES	1	2		2	53	57	115
	ACRES	1	0		0	19	61	81
Southern California	FIRES	3				32	3	38
	ACRES	5				17	1	23
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1	10	8	19
	ACRES				0	1	10	11
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			2	6	11
	ACRES		2			0	0	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6				4	10
	ACRES		15				400	415
Southwest	FIRES	2	2			6	12	22
	ACRES	1,001	100			635	824	2,560
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	2			2	4	11
	ACRES	0	0			0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					1	6	7
	ACRES					1	176	177
TOTAL	FIRES	10	39	2	3	120	122	296
	ACRES	1,007	5,760	20,257	807	113,020	1,479	142,330

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	45	17	221	7	328
	ACRES	63	172,536	189,515	15,029	586,541	1	963,685
Northwest	FIRES	117	67	19	10	483	230	926
	ACRES	3,744	791	75	16	1,175	651	6,452
Northern California	FIRES	53	22	6	11	1,116	389	1,597
	ACRES	62	392	15	2	3,440	1,666	5,577
Southern California	FIRES	24	41	7	17	1,432	270	1,791
	ACRES	655	4,367	313	18	34,115	4,604	44,072
Northern Rockies	FIRES	747	23	14	6	379	190	1,359
	ACRES	4,152	195	485	0	8,680	3,311	16,823
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	214	2	15	113	168	515
	ACRES	3	20,738	1	32	1,108	411	22,293
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	215	1	4	35	35	294
	ACRES	1	10,068	1,000	0	174	774	12,017
Southwest	FIRES	477	59	2	38	416	550	1,542
	ACRES	3,086	4,523	1	509	5,453	133,319	146,891
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	164	127	28	7	206	157	689
	ACRES	3,494	249	1,166	4	19,638	4,077	28,628
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	19	5,808	398	6,760
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,562	5,534	66,631
Southern Area	FIRES	116		47	36	22,075	547	22,821
	ACRES	15,602		4,682	1,054	266,033	73,117	360,488
TOTAL	FIRES	2,197	803	217	180	32,284	2,941	38,622
	ACRES	35,956	213,859	199,588	16,770	979,919	227,465	1,673,557

Ten Year Average Fires	42,633
Ten Year Average Acres	1,325,564

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		14				25	39
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						46	46
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					7	2	9
	ACRES					1,767	3,080	4,847
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	7	5	13
	ACRES	0	14	0	0	1,767	3,151	4,932

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		71	94
	ACRES		28	869	556		6,212	7,665
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	8	74	3	45	351	517
	ACRES	1,827	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,323	63,395
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	6	21	57	104
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,237	1,588	16,680	22,531
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		276	320
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,084	91,997
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	110	18	12	112	333
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,521	99,100
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	609	177	1,176
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,360	27,868	145,968
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,857	1,064	16,179
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	917,735	957,860	2,001,770
TOTAL	FIRES	216	201	747	156	15,549	2,551	19,420
	ACRES	40,723	29,295	160,338	89,945	987,793	1,244,365	2,552,459

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				14,177			14,177
Northwest	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				1			1
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		6	7
	ACRES				101		107	208
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			0	1	6
	ACRES		5,575			2,271	43	7,889
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	0	7	0	16	32
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	14,279	2,271	372	22,839

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	14	0	992	90,509
Yukon Territory	9	53,735	138	282,929
Alberta	8	1	750	2,952
Northwest Territory	6	175	50	11,301
Saskatchewan	1	0	125	867
Manitoba	3	8	81	419
Ontario	6	1	159	1,368
Quebec	0	0	184	589
Newfoundland	0	0	90	1,924
New Brunswick	0	0	211	382
Nova Scotia	6	3	189	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	0	22	12,808
Total	53	53,923	3,007	406,271

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	18	8	1	12	6	4			154	46
Northwest	24	3	3	7	3	10			92	103
Northern California	22	15	68	33	9	1			12	22
Southern California	11	8	14	37	11	3			58	44
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	11	2	37	1	2	5			76	15
Western Great Basin	7	6	19	36	5	6			76	29
Southwest	43	3	14	35	16				244	74
Rocky Mountain	3		8		2	1			4	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	139	45	164	161	54	30	0	0	716	333

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